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25X1 19. [ ] LIAISON Spoke with Jim Nellis, Chief Counsel, House Select Committee on Narcotics & Drug Abuse Control, to inform him that I was handling the security arrangements for the briefing on Monday, 20 March 1978.

25X1 20. [ ] LIAISON Spoke with Lou Williams, of the staff of the House Select Committee on Narcotics & Drug Abuse Control, who handles rooms for the Committee, and asked that the hearing room, 2200 Rayburn House Office Building, be open an hour before the briefing of the Committee on 20 March for the security sweep team. He said that this could be arranged.

25X1 21. [ ] LIAISON Spoke to Holmer McMurray, of the House Committee Reporters staff, vis-a-vis who will be doing the reporting. McMurray said he would get back to me but that he would ensure that whoever the reporter was would have appropriate clearances. I will check on the clearances when we get the name.

25X1 22. [ ] LEGISLATION Spoke with Bob Carlstrom, OMB, regarding his earlier request, based on a discussion [ ] that we provide him a copy of the letter prepared for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization from Jack Blake, DDA, regarding the Freedom of Information Act, its impact on the Agency and proposals for changes to the legislation. Although I assured Mr. Carlstrom the proposals contained in the letter were essentially the same as those in an earlier letter from the DCI to Representative Samuel Devine (R., Ohio), Mr. Carlstrom said that in light of the fact that the context in which the proposals were being presented was somewhat different (i.e., the proposals were being transmitted to a House Committee rather than to an individual member and that the Committee to which the proposals were being transmitted was in a position to act on the proposals), OMB would want to exercise its responsibilities and review the letter prior to its being sent. Mr. Carlstrom said he would expedite this review and get back to me within a day or two.

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25X1 24. [ ] LEGISLATION Called Bob Carlstrom, OMB, to explain that we had prepared a letter in response to a House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence request to Mr. Jack Blake, DDA, regarding problems with the FOIA. I told Mr. Carlstrom the letter was almost identical to an earlier response we had submitted to Representative Samuel Devine (R., Ohio), and asked that we be able to forward it without first sending it to OMB. I told him we would send him an information copy. Mr. Carlstrom asked that we forward a copy of the letter before we send it to the Committee.

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